

OUR ISLAND CONTEMPORARIES

Attention To The Banana!

The latest strategic move of the "board of strategy" at Nolt's is more than a piece of humor. It has sound sense back of it.

The board—which, by the way, numbers some of the ablest business-men of the islands, hard-headed, practical chaps—proposes that each person in Hawaii eat at least one banana a day. It suggests also that the idea can be developed so that at least one luncheon during the week will have bananas as the piece de resistance. It adds that the whole territory ought to eat more bananas.

Developing the consumption of bananas here would have a double effect. First, it would add to the regular regimen of 200,000 people an article of diet of a high food value and which can be secured at a small price, an article produced in Hawaii.

Second, it would stabilize and foster the market for Hawaii bananas. Banana-growers of the territory are hard hit by the cargo-space shortage on coast-bound steamers, resulting from the reductions of tonnage. The banana trade threatens to be shattered.

If the market for bananas at home is greatly broadened, the best bananas grown should be offered first for local consumption. With authority at hand to see that the prices are not sent up because of the increased local demand, the banana can be used very largely as a substitute for food of high price and which has to be shipped from the mainland.

The Nolt's strategy board has hit on a real idea, and if it is followed up with persistent energy, it ought to be of real value to Hawaii in war-times. —Star-Bulletin.

Difficulties In The Way

Representative Randall of California announced that he will introduce a bill placing a prohibitive tax on every acre of land in the United States which is not used for the production of food crops. Every once in a while we find a man like that bobbing up with some new scheme to save the country from dropping into obscurity. If Representative Randall would think twice, he would realize that the government owns millions of acres of land that are not now used for the production of food. Yet to put that land under successful cultivation would be a job far too great for all the representatives in the United States. There are also owners of vast tracts of land who would be only too glad to have it cultivated upon most any terms, yet they cry aloud in vain. Plenty of cultivated land has been offered to the government. Lands that have been under cultivation, and the fertility and products of which have been demonstrated. Yet no one can be found to cultivate the soil. Randall can have a job raising potatoes any time he wants it. But to endeavor to force people to cultivate the land which they would be only too glad to cultivate were it practical, would be a foolish piece of business. —Daily Tribune (Hilo.)

Food Conservation Reports

The food conservation weekly reports instituted throughout our island communities a few weeks ago are exerting a very salutary influence already. These reports of wheatless, meatless and wasteless meals, week by week, give every indication of being made very carefully, and very honestly; and that being the case the ambition to make good showing is significant of results. Some left-over, that under ordinary circumstances would have gone into the garbage can, is carefully saved in order that a clear record may be possible at the end of the week.

Even the children take an interest in these report cards and are ready to help make them as nearly ideal as possible by cutting out waste or reducing on wheat or meat.

We don't know just what use may be made of these card reports in Washington, whether the results are transmitted, but at any rate they have a very considerable use here in stimulating economy, patriotism and humanity. —Garden Island.

National Guard Fitness

No particular alarm need be felt at the suggestion of Doctor Sinclair that a searching physical examination will reduce the strength of the national guard of Hawaii to half or one-third of its present size, nor need the suggestion of the physician be regarded as hostile criticism of the militia. The regular army tests for recruits are strict and exacting and are being rigorously applied. The same tests exist for the national guard, but everyone knows that they are not applied in the same way, either in Hawaii or elsewhere. Witness the wholesale weeding out when the militia was called to the Mexican border. The guard will be a better guard after the unfit and the misfits have been discarded and their places filled by the draft. —Advertiser.

Demands Of War On French Resources

(News article published at the request of the food administration.)

The demand war is making upon the resources of France is pathetically shown in statistics just received by the U. S. Food Administration dealing with wheat and food production there.

In 1915 France produced 87,830,000 hundred-weight of wheat; in 1914 76,930,000 hundred-weights; in 1913, 60,630,000; in 1912, 58,410,000; and in 1911, but 399,000,000 hundred-weights.

In food stuffs which comprises all cereals and includes potatoes and beetroot, the 1913 production of 358,000,000 hundred-weights had declined in 1917 to only 222,000,000 hundred-weights.

The figures quoted are from the statement of the Minister for General Revictualing of France, Mr. Maurice Long, who says emphatically that his country must be brought face to face with realities. Two years ago in a speech on the wheat question he asserted that the struggle was a war of one side wearing out the other, and the question of credit, exchange and the procuring of foodstuffs and raw material played as important a part as the question of numbers, material and munitions for the armies. He reaffirmed this belief, and added that on one side or another the fear of famine might be as demoralizing as an advance of armies.

Mr. Long estimated the requirements of France this year could be held down to 40,000,000 hundred-weights of cereals. The task of procuring this promises to be difficult, since in spite of all great efforts last year, it was impossible to import anything like these quantities.

In a speech made in the Chamber of Deputies on September 29th, Mr. Long asserted that France was threatened with a shortage of food and an additional increase in the cost of living. He stated that within a few days there would be one revolution, alling authority for both central and military needs—one central organization. Food restrictions, he declared, are necessary, and the country would have to accept the rationing system for additional articles of consumption. He took occasion in his speech to refer to the cooperation being extended by patriotic people in the United States, a statement that was received with applause.

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Just received a new stock of Mattresses, poultry netting, paints and oils, furniture, etc. Coffins and General Hardware.

Phone Market Street Wailuku

Weekly Market Letter

Honolulu, Dec. 8.—There is no small yellow corn in the market and very little large Islands corn. Any one having corn for sale should ship it to the market as soon as possible.

The shipments of Maui beans are increasing and selling faster than they have been for some time past. Maui red beans are selling from \$8.50 to \$9.00, while Calico beans are selling from \$10.50 to \$11.00 a hundred. The reason for the Calico beans selling so high is that there are very few in the market, as most of the Maui farmers are raising red beans this year.

During the week a shipment of Maui beans was sent to the Coast by one of the local firms. We hope that all the Islands people will use Islands beans so that it will not be necessary for anyone else to make shipments to the Coast.

A shipment of very good small, white beans was received from Maui and sold for \$12.50 a hundred. Shipments of small, white beans that are well graded find a ready market but most of the small white beans received from Maui are not graded and very dirty. Farmers wishing to get good returns on their produce, should see that their produce is properly graded, cleaned and packed before shipping to the market. This will help them as well as the market and give the Islands produce a good name.

Sweet potatoes are not plentiful as they have been for the past few weeks but we still have a good supply of them coming in.

Onions are scarce and the demand is good. Any one having them should ship them immediately.

A small shipment of Islands Irish potatoes was received during the week. Next week we expect to receive a large shipment of Irish potatoes from Kauai.

By closing the retail departments we have more time to give to the wholesaling of Islands produce and anyone having any quantity of Islands produce for sale, should get in touch with the Division. —O. B. LIGHT-FOOT, Acting Superintendent.

Demonstration Of Cooking Recipes

The first demonstration of the preparation and cooking of war food was given by the Maui Women's Food Conservation Commission, under the direction of Miss Blanche Mast, at the Hamakua high school domestic science room at 9 a. m. Saturday.

There were twenty persons present, including three Japanese and one Chinese cook.

Mrs. Bowditch, chairman, in opening with a brief talk, referred to the nation's kitchens as "our first line of trenches." "Don't let them be taken," she said. "It depends upon the women of America to win the war."

Wholesome and appetizing food was prepared at the least possible expense. Two or three years ago a four-layer cake, with a plain icing, could be made for thirty-nine cents. It would now cost from \$1.50 to \$1.75.

The following recipes were demonstrated: Bran muffins, scalloped banana pudding, short cake, bean loaf, date loaf, carrot pudding, beans Spanish.

German Insurance

Under the Trading With The Enemy Act the business heretofore carried on in the Islands for German insurance companies will have to be transferred to American companies or be withdrawn altogether. The last year in which they were active four German insurance companies collected premiums of \$65,000 in the Islands, as follows:

Allianz-Berlin, (Marine) \$55,670.10; Magdeburg (fire) \$785.10; Prussian National (Stettin, Germany, fire) \$1030.30; Hamburg-Bremen (fire) \$6784.42.

Gonsalves Glee Club, Paia, furnishes music for any occasion at reasonable rates. Telephone Fernandez Hotel.—Advt.

LODGE MAUI, NO. 984, A. F. & A. M.



Stated meetings will be held at Masonic Hall, Kahului, on the first Saturday night of each month at 7:30 P. M.

Visiting brethren are cordially invited to attend.

H. K. DUNCAN, R. W. M.
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ALOHA LODGE NO. 3 KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.



Regular meetings will be held at the Knights of Pythias Hall, Wailuku, on the second and fourth Friday of each month.

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STEAMER	Voyage	Leave San Francisco	Arrive Honolulu	Leave Honolulu	Arrive San Francisco
Wilhelmina	96	Tue Jun 19	Tue Jun 26	Tue July 3	Tue July 10
Maui	4	Thu Jun 28	Wed July 4	Wed July 11	Tue July 17
Manoa	44	Tue July 3	Tue July 10	Tue July 17	Tue July 24
Matsonia	46	Thu July 12	Wed July 18	Wed July 25	Tue July 31
Wilhelmina	97	Tue July 17	Tue July 24	Tue July 31	Tue Aug 7
Maui	5	Thu July 26	Wed Aug 1	Wed Aug 8	Tue Aug 14
Manoa	45	Tue July 31	Tue Aug 7	Tue Aug 14	Tue Aug 21
Matsonia	47	Thu Aug 9	Wed Aug 15	Wed Aug 22	Tue Aug 28
Wilhelmina	98	Tue Aug 14	Tue Aug 21	Tue Aug 28	Tue Sept 4
Maui	6	Thu Aug 23	Wed Aug 29	Wed Sept 5	Tue Sept 11
Manoa	46	Tue Aug 28	Tue Sept 4	Tue Sept 11	Tue Sept 18
Matsonia	48	Thu Sept 6	Wed Sept 12	Wed Sept 19	Tue Sept 25
Wilhelmina	99	Tue Sept 11	Tue Sept 18	Tue Sept 25	Tue Oct 2
Maui	7	Thu Sept 20	Wed Sept 26	Wed Oct 3	Tue Oct 9
Manoa	47	Tue Sept 25	Tue Oct 2	Tue Oct 9	Tue Oct 16
Matsonia	49	Thu Oct 4	Wed Oct 10	Wed Oct 17	Tue Oct 23
Wilhelmina	100	Tue Oct 9	Tue Oct 16	Tue Oct 23	Tue Oct 30
Maui	8	Thu Oct 18	Wed Oct 24	Wed Oct 31	Tue Nov 6
Manoa	48	Tue Oct 23	Tue Oct 30	Tue Nov 6	Tue Nov 13
Matsonia	50	Thu Nov 1	Wed Nov 7	Wed Nov 14	Tue Nov 20
Wilhelmina	101	Tue Nov 6	Tue Nov 13	Tue Nov 20	Tue Nov 27
Maui	9	Thu Nov 15	Wed Nov 21	Wed Nov 28	Tue Dec 4
Manoa	49	Tue Nov 20	Tue Nov 27	Tue Dec 4	Tue Dec 11
Matsonia	51	Thu Nov 29	Wed Dec 5	Wed Dec 12	Tue Dec 18
Wilhelmina	102	Tue Dec 4	Tue Dec 11	Tue Dec 18	Tue Dec 25
Maui	10	Thu Dec 13	Wed Dec 19	Wed Dec 26	Tue Jan 1
Manoa	50	Tue Dec 18	Tue Dec 25	Tue Jan 1	Tue Jan 8
Matsonia	52	Thu Dec 27	Wed Jan 2	Wed Jan 9	Tue Jan 15

Time Table--Kahului Railroad Co.

Daily Passenger Train Schedule (Except Sunday)

The following schedule went into effect June 4th, 1913

TOWARDS WAILUKU						TOWARDS HAIKU					
9	7	5	3	1	Distance Miles	STATIONS	Distance Miles	2	4	6	8 10
PM	PM	PM	AM	AM				AM	AM	PM	PM
5 33	3 30	1 25	8 42	6 35	15.3	A. Wailuku..L		6 40	8 50	1 30	3 35 5 38
5 23	3 20	1 15	8 30	6 25		L. Kahului..A	0	6 50	9 00	1 40	3 45 5 48
5 20	3 17		8 27		12.0	A. Kahului..L	3.3	6 52		1 42	3 47
5 10	3 07		8 17			L. Spreck..A	7.02			1 52	3 57
5 09	3 05		8 15		8.4	A. Spreck..L	6.9	7 03		1 53	3 58
5 00	2 55		8 05		5.5	L. Paia..A	9.8	7 15		2 05	4 10
4 58	2 53		8 03			A. Paia..L		7 17		2 07	4 12
4 52	2 47		7 57		3.4	L. Hama..A	11.9	7 24		2 14	4 19
4 51	2 46		7 56			A. Kuapoko..L		7 25		2 15	4 20
4 45	2 40		7 50			L. Kuapoko..A		7 33		2 23	4 28
4 44	1 39		7 49		1.4	A. Pauwela..L	13.9	7 35		2 25	4 30
4 40	2 35		7 45		0	L. Haiku..A	15.3	7 40		2 30	4 35

PUUNENE DIVISION

TOWARDS PUUNENE			TOWARDS KAHULUI		
3	1	Distance Miles	STATIONS	2	4
Passenger	Passenger	Distance Miles		Passenger	Passenger
PM	AM		L. Kahului..A	2.5	6 22 3 15
2 50	6 00	0	A. Puunene..L	0	6 12 3 05
3 00	6 10	2.5			

- All trains daily except Sundays.
 - A Special Train (Labor Train) will leave Wailuku daily, except Sundays, at 5:30 a. m., arriving at Kahului at 5:50 a. m., and connecting with the 6:00 a. m. train for Puunene.
 - BAGGAGE RATES: 150 pounds of personal baggage will be carried free of charge on each whole ticket, and 75 pounds on each half ticket, when baggage is in charge of and on the same train as the holder of the ticket. For excess baggage 25 cents per 100 pounds or part thereof will be charged.
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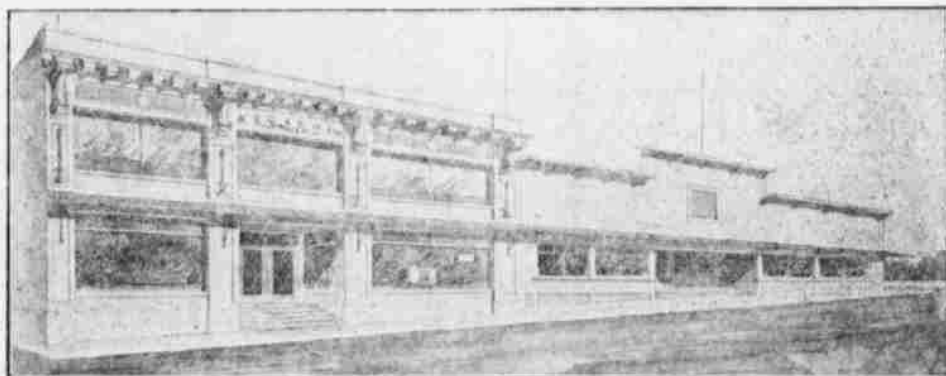
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